

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 327 - HB 619**

March 31, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to create and administer a coaching network for pre-kindergarten teachers throughout the state, to begin in the 2019-20 school year. Requires DOE to ensure childhood consultants are available regionally, throughout the state, and assist teachers in the network. Authorizes DOE to use existing coaching network programs as a model to aid in the development of the coaching network for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$1,406,000**

Assumptions:

- There are currently 5,500 pre-K and Kindergarten teachers across the state.
- The Early Childhood Coaching Network will be modeled after the *Read to be Ready* Coaching Network and include objectives to build teachers' instructional capacity, support an integrated model of instruction, establish a continuum of learning across pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, and support strong student growth portfolio implementation.
- DOE will require one Education Consultant 3 position to serve as the lead consultant. The recurring increase in state expenditures at a midrange salary point is estimated to be \$92,701 (\$73,872 salary + \$18,829 benefits).
- DOE will require eight Education Consultant 2 positions as regional consultants. The recurring increase in state expenditures at an entry-level salary point is estimated to be \$533,296 [(\$51,540 salary + \$15,122 benefits) x 8 positions].
- Each district will require one coach who will be paid an annual stipend of \$2,000. The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$292,000 (146 Districts x 1 coach x \$2,000).
- DOE will award annual grants to each district. The recurring increase in state expenditures for grants is estimated to be \$438,000 (\$3,000 grant x 146 districts).
- Regional site visits, conferences, travel, supplies, and overhead will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$50,000.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,405,997 (\$92,701 + \$533,296 + \$292,000 + \$438,000 + \$50,000).

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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